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Global Biosecurity Conference to be held in Australia - Call for Abstracts

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Report Highlights:

Global Biosecurity 2010, the first international conference to be held in Australia focusing on agricultural and environmental biosecurity, is being held in Brisbane, Australia from February 28-March 3, 2010.

General Information:

“Global Biosecurity 2010: safeguarding agriculture and the environment,” is the first international conference and exhibition to be held in Australia that focuses on agricultural and environmental biosecurity. Global Biosecurity 2010 is being held in Brisbane, Australia from February 28–March 3, 2010.

Conference organizers are now calling for papers for presentation at the event through the conference website www.globalbiosecurity2010.com. Abstract submissions for presentations and posters are required by July 31, 2009. Further information on the requirements for abstracts is

available at: <http://www.globalbiosecurity2010.com/abstracts.html>

The conference will provide a forum for stakeholders across the biosecurity spectrum, including researchers, industry representatives, policy makers, primary producers and importers/exporters, to:

- workshop, network and exchange knowledge on agricultural and environmental biosecurity
- facilitate engagement and cross-fertilization of ideas between researchers and their end-users (industry, regulators and other end-users), and
- build cross-disciplinary networks across all biosecurity related disciplines.

The program will focus on agricultural and environmental biosecurity and includes conference streams examining drivers, threats and impacts, knowledge and systems.

The conference is a partnership activity between the Australian Biosecurity Cooperative Research Centre for Emerging Infectious Disease, the Cooperative Research Centre for the National Plant Biosecurity, and the Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre.

When announcing the conference, Mr. Rob Delane, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry indicated that Global Biosecurity 2010 provides an outstanding opportunity for representatives from biosecurity agencies, research organizations, agricultural industries, environmental organizations and other relevant stakeholder groups to keep up-to-date on world's best practice. "Science-based risk management is a key platform of an effective biosecurity system which needs to operate effectively across the pre-border, border and post-border continuum," he said.

"Tapping into the collective expertise of those attending the Global Biosecurity 2010 conference will help enhance the ability of Australia and all participating nations to effectively manage biosecurity roles along the continuum, protect and improve their pest status and facilitate trade, travel and community development," Mr. Delane said.